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17 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

18 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

19 SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

20 WAYMO LLC,

21 CASE NO. 3:17-cv-00939-WHA

22 Plaintiff,

23 v.

24 UBER TECHNOLOGIES, INC.;
25 OTTOMOTTO LLC; OTTO TRUCKING
26 LLC,

27 **OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANTS'**
ADMINISTRATIVE MOTION TO FILE
UNDER SEAL ACQUISITION
DOCUMENTS

28 Defendants.

29 **UNREDACTED VERSION OF DOCUMENT SOUGHT TO BE SEALED**

1 After being ordered to do so at the May 25 hearing before Magistrate Judge Corley (Dkt.
 2 516, May 25 Hr'g Tr. at 12:4-9), Defendants filed documents concerning the Otto acquisition on
 3 May 26. Defendants' Administrative Motion to File Under Seal Acquisition Documents (Dkt.
 4 515) (the "Motion") sought to file these documents under seal, in their entirety. For the reasons
 5 below, Waymo opposes Defendants' Motion.

6 Initially, Defendants' contention in their Motion that the Acquisition Documents should be
 7 sealed in their entirety is not consistent with the manner in which Defendants designated these
 8 same documents in their production to Waymo. For example, on May 11, along with its
 9 production versions (with Bates numbers) of the Acquisition Documents, Uber separately served
 10 copies of the Documents with highlighting designating certain portions as either Confidential
 11 (blue highlighting) or Highly Confidential – Attorneys' Eyes Only (yellow). *See* Nardinelli
 12 Declaration Exhibit A (term sheet), Exhibit B (merger agreement), Exhibit C (exhibits to merger
 13 agreement). Much of the text had no highlighting, indicating no confidentiality designation
 14 whatsoever. Yet through their Motion, Defendants seek to seal these same documents in their
 15 entirety – including the portions that even Defendants do not contend are confidential. Dkt. 515.

16 Defendants also seek to conceal from the public terms of the Otto acquisition, whereby
 17 Uber agreed to purchase Otto regardless of "Bad Acts" by Anthony Levandowski, explicitly
 18 defined to include trade secret misappropriation and others that preceded the acquisition and
 19 "super duper" litigation" potentially stemming therefrom. These improper designations are
 20 described further below.

21 ***February 22 Term Sheet (Dkt. 515-14; Ex. A).*** The February 22 Term Sheet contains a
 22 section called "Put / Call Closing Conditions" specifying the conditions under which the merger
 23 would be consummated. *See* Ex. A at 3-4. The section states:

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 25 The exercise of the Put by the Company will be subject to the Company providing
 26 to Unicorn an officer's certificate certifying the satisfaction of the following
 27 conditions (the "Put Conditions"), which such Put Conditions shall also be satisfied
 28 immediately prior to the consummation of the Transaction; provided that Unicorn
 agrees that Unicorn shall not be permitted to cause any of the following Put
 Conditions to not be satisfied (or to claim that they are not satisfied) either at the

1 exercise or the consummation of the Transaction as a result of a claim that arises or
 2 results from a Pre-Signing Bad Act (as defined in Exhibit C):

3 Ex. A at 3. Stated another way, Uber expressly agreed that a Pre-Signing Bad Act – defined later
 4 to include fraud or trade secret misappropriation, among other things – would **not** hinder the
 5 merger. Similarly, Uber agreed that even in the context of what was referred to as a “super duper”
 6 litigation, an Indemnified Claim – defined later to include claims for trade secret misappropriation
 7 – would not present a basis to call the deal off, and designated as Confidential four instances of
 8 that provision. Ex. A at 3-4. These provisions are no more confidential than the other closing
 9 conditions that Defendants did not designate as confidential at all when producing them to
 10 Waymo.

11 *April 11, 2016 Merger Agreement (Dkt. 515-3; Ex. B) and Exhibits thereto (Dkt. 515-4;*
 12 **Ex. C).** As with the Term Sheet, the merger agreement holds that the closing conditions will be
 13 deemed satisfied regardless of whether Anthony Levandowski committed any “Pre-Signing Bad
 14 Act (whether or not the subject of a Specified Claim).” Ex. B at 32. The term “Bad Act” includes
 15 trade secret misappropriation (Ex. B at A-2), and the term “Specified Claims” includes claims
 16 arising out of trade secret misappropriation (Ex. C at Exhibit O). Defendants further marked as
 17 AEO provisions in sections 6.1, 6.2, and 6.6 stating that the closing conditions would be satisfied
 18 regardless “of a Specified Claim unless such Specified Claim is a Material Adverse Claim” and
 19 the definition of Material Adverse Claim. Ex. B at 33-34, A-10). Finally, Defendants marked as
 20 AEO section 6.8, stating that as a condition of closing, “No Post-Signing Specified Bad Act of a
 21 Diligenced Employee shall have been committed,” and also marked as AEO the definition of Post-
 22 Signing Specified Bad Acts. (Ex. B at 34; Ex. C at Exhibit N.)

23 The above facts may be distasteful but are not confidential. For the foregoing reasons,
 24 Plaintiff respectfully requests that the Court deny the Motion in all respects.
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